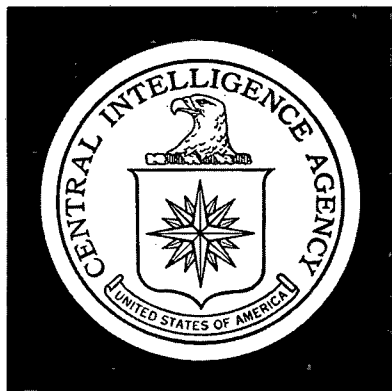




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2. North Korea

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Pyongyang's thinking on the Pueblo af- (b)(1)
fair, [redacted] a North Korean de- (b)(3)
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speculate about prevailing attitudes
and about upcoming moves from the North.
This man's views are worth considering
since he defected for personal reasons
and still retains his Communist outlook.
These are his conclusions:

--The talks can progress only when
the US representative signs a document
admitting and apologizing for intrusion
into North Korean territorial waters.

--The Communists undoubtedly have
made detailed plans through several
stages in the exploitation of the inci-
dent. They will mobilize all their
propaganda means and carry out brain-
washing activities and interrogations.

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4. Soviet Union

Only five Soviet surface ships--
down from 15 earlier this month--are now
tailing US naval forces off Korea. The
Russian surface units continue to patrol
the entrance to the Sea of Japan and to
follow the US carriers; air surveillance
is still on an almost daily basis.

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